GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:379
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
TICKETLESS TRAVELLING
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss suffered due to ticketless travelling by railways during each of the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to stop ticketless travelling recently;

(c) whether due to open entry and exit points at railway stations, proper checking of tickets do not take place;

(d) if so, whether the Government have formed any plan for railway stations to have restricted entry/exit points at each railway station; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.379 BY SHRI SUL SALAHUDDIN OWAISI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2002 REGARDING TICKETLESS TRAVELLING

(a) & (b): The loss due to ticketless travel is not quantifiable. However, regular and surprise checks are conducted frequently to check ticketless/irregular travel in association with Railway Magistrates and Police. In addition, Zonal Railways also conduct various special types of checks on specific dates and periods at various places and sections prone to ticketless travel. As a result of these sustained efforts, the number of persons apprehended travelling without ticket/with improper ticket has gone up from 130.32 lakhs in 2000-2001 to 142.28 lakhs in 2001-2002. The amount realised during the year 2001-2002 was Rs.175.72 crores as against Rs.158.35 crores in 2000-2001 registering an increase of 11.0%.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. At times, some persons manage to enter/leave the platforms due to the open nature of railway stations and due to limited manpower. To curb such unauthorised entries, instructions exist for manning of various Entry/Exit gates and these are reiterated from time to time. In addition to barricading of unauthorised entry/exit points, regular drives are also conducted in association with the police to check the entry and movement of unauthorised persons and anti-social elements at all major stations.